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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS )  
FOR A HOME NETWORK AUTO- )  
TREE BUILDER )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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